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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: WALDRON CASE

REF: (A) CAIRO 12095, (B) STATE 169017

1. IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED OUR PLAN MOVE WALDRON OUT TOMORROW, FRIDAY MORNING. POSSIBLE SNAG HAD ARISEN YESTERDAY IN FORM OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST THAT WALDRON AGAIN APPEAR BEFORE PARQUET TO BE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER. THIS INFO HAD COME TO US THROUGH EGYPTIAN SECURITY CHIEF, GENERAL FARID. AMBASSADOR NOTED HE HAD EARLIER AUTHORIZED WALDRON TO APPEAR IN EFFORT FACILITATE EGYPTIAN INVESTIGATION, BUT CONSIDERED A FURTHER APPEARANCE UNNECESSARY AND UNDESIRABLE. IF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WISHES MAKE CHARGE, HE CAN PRESUMABLY DO SO IN ABSENTIA.

2. AMBASSADOR NOTED HE HAD YESTERDAY TOLD GENERAL FARID
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OF OUR DESIRE SEND WALDRON OUT TOMORROW. FARID UNDERTOOK GET IN TOUCH WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND GET BACK TO US. WHEN AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD FARID OF FAHMY'S DESIRES, FARID INDICATED MFA HAD NOT YET CONTACTED SECURITY AUTHORITIES ON THE MATTER. AMBASSADOR ASKED FAHMY CONSIDER HAVING HIS AIDE, USAMA AL-BAZ, DO SO TO AVOID ANY LAST-MINUTE SNARLS. FAHMY SAID THAT FARID SHOULD CALL

MFA RATHER THAN VICE VERSA. HE WOULD NOT HAVE AL-BAZ MAKE CALL, BUT SUGGESTED AMBASSADOR AGAIN GET IN TOUCH WITH FARID TO INFORM HIM THAT NOT ONLY FAHMY, BUT ALSO PRESIDENT SADAT WANTS WALDRON GOTTEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. FAHMY HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SADAT, WHO AGREED WALDRON SHOULD BE MOVED OUT WITHOUT DELAY. IF THERE IS ANY LAST-MINUTE HITCH AT AIRPORT, AMBASSADOR SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH FAHMY.

3. AMBASSADOR THEREUPON CONTACTED FARID AGAIN TO TELL HIM THAT NOT ONLY FAHMY BUT ALSO PRESIDENT SADAT WANTS WALDRON OUT AND THAT WE STILL PLAN TO RETURN WALDRON TO U.S. TOMORROW MORNING. FARID NOTED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, BUT LATTER HAD NOT YET REPLIED. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED HE ADVISE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF PRESIDENT'S WISHES AND ASKED FARID INSTRUCT AIRPORT SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE WALDRON'S DEPARTURE. FARID SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

4. WALDRON'S TRAVEL PLANS REPORTED CAIRO 12143 (NOTAL).

5. RE HOSPITAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES FOR VICTIM, APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION CONTAINED REF B. EMBASSY LAWYER WORKING ON APPROPRIATE EX GRATIA PAYMENT. DEPT MAY BE ASSURED NO SUCH PAYMENT WILL BE MADE WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION.

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